Green belt in Nagpur

4382. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a recent satellite picture of Nagpur has shown that the city has only 15 per cent green belt left, whereas it has been dubbed as second greenest city in India and now again to achieve that status by 2010, an outlay of Rs. 30 crore was expected which has not yet been sanctioned, as appeared in media; and

(b) if so, whether Environment Ministry will use its good offices for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) and (b) Forest Survey of India makes the biennial assessment of forest cover of the country interpreting the satellite imagery. The forest cover of Nagpur district has been assessed as 1962 sq. km. as per the State of Forest Report, 2001 as compared to 2007 sq. km. during the latest State of Forest Report, 1999. Due to technological limitation, the forest cover of less than one ha. area could not be assessed. The Ministry has sanctioned a project of Rs. 3.62 crore for the Tenth Plan for the afforestation in 2500 ha. of land in Nagpur district.

Financial assistance to Rajasthan for environment project

4383. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) :

Will the Minister of ENVIROMMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any financial assistance has been provided by Government to the Rajasthan State Government for development and promotion of environment projects during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details of such projects and the amount provided thereof;

(c) whether the funds provided by Government have been fully utilized by the State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?